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The Trial of Man

Ecclesiasticus 27:5

The furnace proveth the potter’s vessel: so the trial of man is in his reasoning.

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Prove:

1) to test or try;
2) to establish or demonstrate;
3) to show by experience.

Questions:
What does a furnace do to a

potter's vessel?

What does a kiln do to a pottery worker's creation?

Answer:
Heats, hardens, dries, melts, and chemically changes properties.

How a person really is, or *who* he or she really is (the deepest and truest self), is revealed. More accurately, how we think (our method of reasoning), is made known

by the way we handle trials and hardships.

What is the end result of the personal challenge?

After the harsh experience, after

the fires, how does our pottery (our life) look?

Just as a furnace causes intensive changes in pottery and establishes what that clay really is, so will hard, even

horrible, experiences produce changes and demonstrate how a person really is (on the inside) how they think, believe, or reason.

When we have

been *heated*
with some of
the hottest
temperatures
possible (or put
to the most
grueling tests),
those furnace
temperatures
produce changes
within us—even

to the point of
revealing the
way we think.

This describes
the trial
of man
(or humans)
in connection
to our reasoning.

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